

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Sumio IWASE)	Group Art Unit: 3693
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Application No.: 09/869,993)	Examiner: Sara M. Chandler
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Filed: October 15, 2001)	
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For: AUCTION SYSTEM, AUCTION)	Confirmation No.: 4325
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)	
AUCTION PROCESSING)	
METHOD, AND INFORMATION)	
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND)	
METHOD OF SAME)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement mailed September 2, 2010, the period for response to which extends through October 4, 2010, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims :

- Group I - Claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction system for carrying out an auction in a network.
- Group II - Claims 7-10, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing method for hosting an auction in a network.
- Group III - Claims 11-18, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing apparatus connected to a network and receiving a bid transmitted from any node via said network.
- Group IV - Claim 19, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing method for receiving a bid transmitted from any node via

a network and hosting an auction of a desired product in an apparatus connected to a network.

Group V - Claims 20 and 21, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing apparatus for submitting a product for auction to a system disclosing information describing products and hosting auctions with respect to the products on a network.

Group VI - Claims 22-23, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing method for submitting a product for auction to a system disclosing information describing products and hosting auctions for related products on a network.

Group VII - Claims 24-34, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction system for hosting auctions in a network.

Group VIII - Claims 35-41, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing method for hosting an auction in a network.

Group IX - Claims 42-50, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing apparatus having a shipping information requesting means connected to a network.

Group X - Claims 51 and 52, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an auction processing apparatus/method connected to a network and hosting an auction of any product.

Group XI - Claims 53-57, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an information processing system.

Group XII - Claims 58-62, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a second step of raising a suit with respect to said service by transmitting petition information to a trial processing side.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 4, 2010

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